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Today's Hunter in Missouri-New Look, New Changes

-Tony Legg

recycling.

Yes, it's that time of year again, time for a new student manual to come out, however you will notice a lot of changes with this manual. First off you will notice a new cover and under the MDC and HE logos you will notice we have added the years (2008/2009) this manual is intended to help make sure you have the most up-to-date manual for your students. This date will change with each subsequent year's manual. This means all previous editions need

to be returned to your OSS for

We looked at all the from recommendations volunteers and staff to make a large number of the changes. There are just too many changes inside the guide to list all of them individually. Let's just say that our last submission of changes was over 17 typed pages worth, plus several pages sent in previously. So needless to say everyone will need to sit down and go through this manual very carefully before handing it out to students. Hopefully, all the graphics & art work that we requested to be changed can make it into this year's manual, but some may not make it till next year's due to the time it takes the artists to create the work and then get it into acceptable print form.

Inside you will notice immediate changes. The inside cover still has a picture of our Volunteer Instructor of the Year, but also a change in our safety rules which are posted

first thing for the reader.

All chapters have seen significant changes especially numbers two and three. We have changed a lot of info on rifle, handguns and their usage, but especially in the area of shotgunning. We asked Kalkomey to work with shotgunning and shotshell ballistics expert

Tom Roster to rework these areas with up to date fact based information.

Much of this falls right in line with our new shotgunning program "Effective Wing Shooting, the CONSEP Way..." It will be of great value for all instructors to attend one of the upcoming "Effective Wing Shooting, the CONSEP Way..." seminars and workshops hosted in each region. We have also included a

more detailed Tree Stand/Elevated Platform section and added a specific Turkey Hunting Safety section due to these continuing to be two areas of serious incidents and injuries. We have also added a section on Missouri's Recreational Use Act, to inform hunters and landowners of the liability/lawsuit protection landowners receive when they allow hunters to hunt on their land free of charge. But this manual's changes

a r e not the end. This was just what we could get done in the short time I have been here. We are already working on changes and additions to the following year's manual, so keep those ideas, recommendations and error catches coming. I cannot promise we can or will use everything, but we will try to make good decisions on what is appropriate for a state-wide program.

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Coordinator's Corner

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Well here it is just a little over eight short months since I was selected for this position, but it doesn't seem that much time has even gone by. We have all accomplished a lot in the past few months and it is already starting to show. One of my favorites is this past spring turkey season. While still too many, only three firearm related incidents, all three with only minor injuries. One self inflicted when tripping over his boot laces and two shooter-victims. This is quite a change from the 16 to 18 average per-season just a few years ago. The message is getting out and you are the messengers and since I can't be there, reach around and give yourselves a big pat on the back for a job well done, you more than deserve it.

Some other accomplishments, first I got both my spring turkeys this year a 24 lb tom on opening day and 23 lb tom on opening day of the second week. That one is always one of my favorites. We finished a new Federal Aid Grant application for our next year's Wildlife Restoration Grant dollars, completed a heavy revision of the Today's Hunter in Missouri Student Guide, worked with Kalkomey on a new instructor lesson plan, new DVD/CD PowerPoint for the new manual, and completed the new on-line HE and Field Day program. Of course there were countless other important projects and issues along the way.

Another that you may have heard about is our New Hunter Starter Kit that came out of our MDC Hunter and Angler Participation Committee and approved by our Division Chief Lorna Domke. This is something we have put together to send out to every newly certified Hunter Ed or Bowhunter Ed student. The kit contains various items to promote and help the new hunter get started; a MDC DVD/CD with numerous hunting videos, handy hints, cooking techniques and recipes, Share the Harvest, FAQ's, specific brochures on Proper Game Care, Water Safety While Waterfowl Hunting, Survival & Outdoor Emergencies, Upland Game Hunting Safety, Tree Stand Safety, Hunter Responsibility, Turkey Hunting Safety, Proper Use of Optics, Deer Hunting Safety, Shooting with Steel Shot, Shotshell magnet with our 4-Primary Safety Rules for Firearm Hunting, Gift Coupon from Bass Pro Shops, and more.

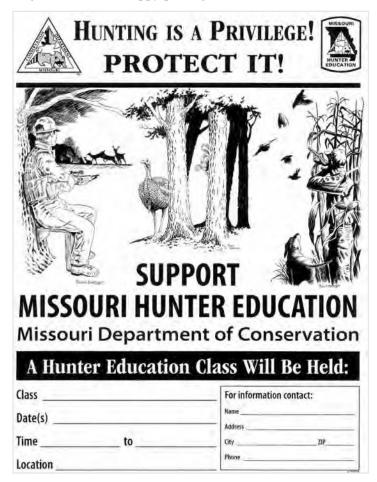
While I have gotten out and seen several new instructor training courses and a few Hunter Ed courses, I really want to get out and see more of you teaching. I cannot be everywhere and I am staying extremely busy with the programs and ranges, so please bare with me. My hope is until I get some of the major things caught up, I can continue

moving forward with good communications with all of you. But, I still plan to get to some classes in every corner of the state before the end of the year. So I hope to see many of you soon.

PS: Make a difference, take a kid hunting!

Hunter Ed Class Flyer Available

Your OSS's now have available for you a new 8 ½" x 11" flyer to advertise your Hunter Education Class. These flyers are appropriate for hanging in places of business, clubs, ranges, offices, schools, etc. Get yours by contacting your Regional OSS and happy posting.



We are Looking for Stories

Think you have what it takes, always wanted to tell your story. We are looking for stories from our instructors and staff to have a section called, It Happened to Me! We want stories of things that have actually happened to or seen by our instructors while out hunting, fishing, in the classroom, on the range, etc. These could be stories of a serious nature, where letting your guard down could have been tragic if not for....., comical stories--deer looking over or under your blind, I never saw it coming, I never thought it would happen to me, wouldn't have believed it if I hadn't seen it, and so on. So, if you have a tale to tell, a story to weave, type it up and send it to me at, tony.legg@mdc.mo.gov or mail to Tony Legg, PO Box 180, Jefferson City, MO 65102-0180

Changes in This Year's Deer Regulations

Changes in deer-hunting regulations approved by the Missouri Conservation Commission at its April meeting include one that enjoys popular support from hunters and one that is likely to be a hit with hunters 15 and younger.

The Missouri Conservation Commission has more than doubled the number of counties included in the so-called "four-point rule." This regulation was tested in 29 counties from 2004 through 2007. This year, with strong support from hunters, it will apply in the same counties as before, plus 36 new counties.

The Conservation Commission also voted to add a second, late Youth Portion of Firearms Deer Season. Hunters under age 16 will have their own times to hunt Nov. 1 and 2, 2008, and Jan. 3 and 4, 2009.

Counties included under the four-point rule this year are Adair, Andrew, Atchison, Audrain, Barton, Bates, Benton, Boone, Buchanan, Caldwell, Callaway Camden, Carroll, Cedar, Chariton, Clark, Clinton, Cole, Cooper, Daviess, DeKalb, Franklin, Gasconade, Gentry, Grundy, Harrison, Henry, Hickory, Holt, Howard, Johnson, Knox, Lafayette, Lewis, Lincoln, Linn, Livingston, Macon, Maries, Marion, Mercer, Miller, Moniteau, Monroe, Montgomery, Morgan, Nodaway Osage, Pettis, Phelps, Pike, Pulaski, Putnam, Ralls, Randolph, Ray, St. Clair, Saline, Schuyler, Scotland, Shelby, Sullivan, Vernon, Warren and Worth.

The four-point rule allows hunters to take a buck only if its antlers are less than 3 inches long or have at least four points 1 inch or longer on at least one side.

The Conservation Department decided to try antler restrictions for two reasons. One was to encourage hunters to shoot more does. This could help the agency control deer numbers in areas where they rise above target levels.

The four-point rule also was designed to allow more bucks to reach ages of 3 years or older. This would produce a deer population with a more normal age and sex distribution.

The traditional hunter bias toward shooting bucks, rather than does, creates a population with a disproportionate number of does and young bucks. Requiring hunters to pass up deer with no more than three points on a side allows more bucks to live to maturity. A population with more mature bucks has more large-antlered deer. For many hunters, the opportunity to take a buck with big antlers is an important part of a high-quality hunting experience.

Information gathered during the four-year test of the four-point rule showed it increased doe harvests in central Missouri counties, but not in pilot counties in northwestern Missouri. The four-point rule increased the number of mature, large-antlered deer in both central and northwestern

counties.

A mail survey of firearms deer hunters statewide found a majority of hunters in 74 of Missouri's 114 counties favored the four-point rule. The 30 counties where half or more of hunters do not want the four-point rule are in southern Missouri, generally southeast of a line from St. Louis to the southwestern corner of the state. More than 70 percent of hunters expressed support for the four-point rule in 22 counties that lie mostly in northern Missouri.

Hunters and nonhunters who expressed opinions at public meetings and through written comments were even more strongly in favor of the four-point rule. Comments from 60 counties ran in favor of the four-point rule by 70 percent or more. Only fourteen counties had comments with less than a majority in favor of the four-point rule.



"We found that most hunters in most parts of the state like the four-point rule," said Resource Scientist Lonnie Hansen, the Conservation Department's top deer biologist. "We also discovered people liked the rule more the longer it was in effect in their counties. Approval of the four-point rule increased in adjoining counties during the four-year trial, too."

Hansen said the rule's popularity was a major factor in extending it. "It didn't work quite as well as we had hoped as a management tool. It did a better job of shifting harvest from bucks to does in central Missouri than in the northwest, where we really need more population management tools. But hunters really like it, especially in the northern half of the state."

Hansen said the Conservation Commission decided not to implement the four-point rule in counties around urban areas at this time because it actually seemed to reduce deer harvest in some northern-Missouri counties.

"The four-point rule doesn't seem to be the best way to manage deer in urban areas, because we encourage harvest of all sex and age categories," he said.

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The late Youth Portion of Firearms Deer Season will give youngsters the last shot at deer hunting at a time of year when many can take advantage of it. Hansen said the additional days of youth deer hunting are part of the Conservation Department's continuing effort to make hunting more accessible to young people.

"A lot of Missourians take vacation around the holidays," said Hansen. "Youngsters who get deer rifles for Christmas will be able to use them. The youth-only season allows adults to focus their attention on teaching kids to hunt. That enhances the hunt's value as a time for family."

The length and timing of other 2008 fall deer and turkey seasons remain unchanged from last year. These include:

- --Archery deer and turkey Sep. 15-Nov. 14 and Nov. 26-Jan. 15
- -- Urban Portion of Firearms Deer Season Oct. 3-6
- --November Portion of Firearms Deer Season Nov. 15-25
- --Muzzleloader Portion of Firearms Deer Season Nov. 28-Dec. 7
- --Antlerless Portion of Firearms Deer Season Dec. 13-21

Other changes in deer hunting regulations approved at the April Commission meeting include:

- --Removing two counties in the Springfield area Christian and Webster from the area open to hunting during the Urban Portion of Firearms Deer Season.
- --Removing seven southwest-Missouri counties Barton, Christian, Dade, Jasper, Lawrence, Polk and Webster from the area open to hunting during the Antlerless Portion of Firearms Deer Season.
- --Adding one central-Missouri county Miller to the area open during the Antlerless Portion of Firearms Deer Season.
- --Adding 12 southwest-Missouri counties Barry, Barton, Christian, Dade, Jasper, Lawrence, McDonald, Newton, Polk, Stone, Webster and Wright to the area where hunters may only fill one antlerless-only deer tag.

Additional details of deer and turkey hunting regulations will be published in the 2008 Fall Deer and Turkey Hunting Regulations and Information booklet, which will be available from permit vendors statewide in July.

Effective Wingshooting, The CONSEP Way....

-Tony Legg

MDC is continuing and expanding its highly praised program this fall. Along with lead instructors Mike Brooks and Ben Schlader, we have started certification of eight additional instructors from the Outreach & Education and Protection divisions. These additional staff will support the expansion of more dates and participant numbers until completing training next spring.



Many folks are still asking the question, "What is CONSEP?" CONSEP is the acronym for Cooperative North American Shotgunning Education Program. Due to all the rumors, misconceptions, conspiracy theories, and half-truths maybe it is best to state what "Effective Wingshooting, The CONSEP Way...." is not; it is not a pro non-toxic shot program, it is not an anti-lead shot program, it is not a lead toxicity program, it is not MDC's step to convert hunters, conservation areas, or more hunting regulations to non-toxic shot. This program works to promote wingshooters to become more proficient shotgunners what ever shot they choose to shoot.

Hunters have long proudly proclaimed that they were the first conservationists and lead to the start of the conservation movement, regulations, organizations and much more. What could be more ethical for a true conservationist than becoming more efficient hunters, taking less marginal shots, reducing the number of wounded game, conserving the resource, increasing the breeding population, etc. Additionally, it's a real plus to become a better shooter, shooting fewer shells, and keeping more money in your pockets.

A portion of the program does compare various non-toxic shot characteristics to that of lead. For one big reason, lead has been around for hundreds of years and most of us know quite a bit about lead shot. Non-toxics are the new shells on the block and there is a need for real facts about their actual characteristics and technology, not marketing hype or emotional influences. We do shoot only steel shot and provide it free of charge to the participants. This is because many of the programs are held on wetland areas, steel shot is the cheapest of the non-toxic shot, it holds the tightest patterns and has the shortest shot strings. So if you can learn to shoot steel shot effectively, you can be more effective with lead or any of the other exotic non-toxic shot types.

This program is designed to improve all wingshooter's skills in marksmanship, distance estimation, and techniques for proper choke and shot selection through actual proven (Continued on page 5, Effective Wingshooting, The CONSEP Way)

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data. So, remember to register for a seminar and workshop coming to your region.

Current 2008 - Effective Wingshooting, The CONSEP Way... Seminar/Workshop Schedule

August 8th - 10th White Ranch CA

Seminar – Friday night at MDC West Plains Region Office, 6pm – 10pm

Workshops – Saturday and Sunday White Ranch CA Range 8am – 5pm, 20 different shooters each day

Registration required by calling (417)256-7161

August 15th - 17th Duck Creek CA, Puxico

Seminar – Friday night, 6pm – 10pm

Workshops – Saturday and Sunday 8am – 5pm, 20 different shooters each day

Registration required by calling (573) 290-5730

August 22nd - 24th Runge/Charles W.Greene CA

Seminar – Friday night at Runge, 6pm – 10pm

Workshops – Saturday and Sunday Charles W. Greene CA 8am – 5pm, 20 different shooters each day

Registration required by calling (573) 884-6861

August 29th - 31st Andy Dalton Shooting Range

Seminar – Friday night, 6pm – 10pm

Workshops – Saturday and Sunday 8am – 5pm, 20 different shooters each day

Registration required by calling (417) 742-4361

September 5th - 7th Busch CA

Seminar – Friday night at Busch MDC Regional Office Classrooms, 6pm – 10pm

Workshops – Saturday and Sunday at Range 8am – 5pm, 20 different shooters each day

Registration required by calling (636) 441-4554 on or after August 5th

September 26th - 28th 63 Gun Club, Macon

Seminar – Friday night, 6pm – 10pm

Workshops – Saturday and Sunday 8am – 5pm, 20 different shooters each day

Registration required by calling (660) 785-2420

October 3rd – 5th UCM Shooting Complex, Warrensburg

Seminar – Friday night, 6pm – 10pm

Workshops – Saturday and Sunday 8am – 5pm, 20 different shooters each day

Registration required by calling (660) 530-5500

October 10th -12th Fountain Grove CA

Seminar – Friday night, 6pm – 10pm

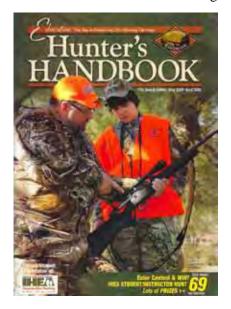
Workshops – Saturday and Sunday 8am – 5pm, 20 different shooters each day

Registration required by calling (660) 646-6122 on or after August 15th

Missouri HE Student and Instructor Winners....

-Tony Legg

Hopefully all of you are aware of and give each student in your classes an IHEA Hunter's Handbook. These handbooks are loaded with information, articles, new gear and much more for both the firearm and bowhunter. One of the other features is a chance for students and instructors to enter to win a hunt of a lifetime along with other drawings. This year, while no hunt winners we did have two of our own win in the Winner's Circle drawings, the student was Searra Erbschloe of Licking and her instructor Paul Williams of Mountain Grove. The announcement was made at the 2008 IHEA Conference in Fairview Heights, II.



This is a great opportunity for students and instructors alike to take part in. New manuals are on their way or with your region's OSS now. So when you get your classroom supplies make sure you receive a handbook for each student with your student Today's Hunter In Missouri guide. If you are not receiving them with

your supplies contact your OSS today. The next drawing deadline is Feb 15th, 2009. Entries are accepted both from the registration card in the handbook and online. We would sure like to see a Missouri student and instructor on that hunt next time.

The Hunter's Heritage Handbook and Safari Club International Foundation also offer two scholarships to their world famous American Wilderness Leadership School (AWLS) in Wyoming. The AWLS is a fantastic 8-day wilderness experience covering a variety of subjects including shooting sports, wilderness survival, outdoor ethics, whitewater rafting and much more. One of this year's winners was also from Missouri, Tanner Harris from Louisburg. Tanner's instructor was Ms Wanda Johnson from Bolivar in Polk county.

Missourians attend IHEA Conference -Tony Legg

The International Hunter Education Conference in Fairview Heights, IL May 28th through 31st was a huge success this year. Again instructors and Hunter Education Coordinators from around the US, Canada, Mexico, Chile,

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South Africa, and Puerto Rico, came to the conference with high expectations and open minds.

Seven Missourian's attended this year's conference, Jim and Peggy Ragland, Lee Vogel, Jan Morris, Alan Hoover and his wife Karen, and myself.

This conference featured several highlights for me, first was the opening seminar "Ethics in Action" presented by Orion – The Hunter's Institute and was really designed to make you think, question and understand. I hope to have future articles on this very subject as it has always been one that fascinates me and I love to cover in classes.

Another highlight was the key note speaker James A. Tantillo, PhD, Cornell University and author of-The Morality of Hunting: "A Damnable Pleasure." Another highlight was a day at the World Shooting Complex in Sparta, IL. Conference attendees were able to spend the day at this fine facility shooting, visiting with numerous vendors and getting to ask about each others programs. This was a great tool and our hats off to the Jay Henges and Busch Range staff for providing most of the shotguns for this event. If you never have been out to this facility, you need to make the trip.

There were numerous other great sessions and hope to touch on many of them with others as the year progresses. Next year, the conference will be held in Toronto, Ontario, Canada April 22nd thru 25th 2009, so start preparing now

IHEA Presents Award to Missouri Instructor

- Lee Vogel

As president of the new Missouri Hunting Heritage Federation it gives me great pride to inform you of some recognition "one of ours" has received from the International Hunter Education Association. http://www.ihea.com

As many of you know, Allan Hoover (Pleasant Hill) has served on the IHEA international board of directors for the last three years. At the annual conference in Fairview Heights, IL Saturday, May 31 he was presented with the Executive Director's Award. The IHEA outgoing Executive Director is Gary Berlin.



and get those passports. The Canadian HE association has also offered to take those wanting to stay an extra day or two out on spring turkey hunts.

\$1,000,000 for \$25

-Tony Legg

Many of you may not be aware that as a Missouri Hunter Education Instructor you are not automatically a member of the International Hunter Education Association (IHEA). Even though MDC mails out the quarterly IHEA Journal, membership in the association has always been left up to the individual instructor.

I know the question has come up many times about liability and HE instructors. Yes, Missouri's Hunter Education and Bowhunter Education instructors are covered under MDC's umbrella for liability when conducting MDC Hunter Education and advanced HE courses or clinics.

One of the benefits to being an IHEA member is you are automatically covered under a one million dollar liability group insurance plan.

For those worried about classes, live fire and other related Hunter Education programs and the liability can take a little bigger sigh of relief if you sign up as a member of IHEA. For more information visit the IHEA web site at http://www.ihea.com/. This is also a fantastic resource for all instructors to visit for information.

The presentation went as follows:

The Executive Director's Award is presented to an individual who has gone out of his/her way to assist the Executive Director. There are two individuals today that are deserving of the Executive Director's Award, as they offered me great council and advice.

The first person I would like to recognize is Allan Hoover. Allan is the outgoing Instructor Representative from Zone 3. Contrary to what Allan continues to tell me, he isn't just a "simple truck driver." Allan's wisdom and willingness to address unpopular issues is very much appreciated. He is extraordinarily bright and articulate and is the ultimate gentleman. Allan doesn't say much, but when he does, it would behoove you to pay attention.

It is my opinion that for an Executive Board to operate effectively, they need Board members who are not always comfortable with the status quo. An effective Board needs a person like Allan to question and challenge the way in which an organization operates. Allan certainly marches to a different drummer and is willing to think outside of the box. Because of his ability to tactfully challenge the status quo, the IHEA is a better organization. Allan, I thank you for your contributions to the IHEA and for the wisdom and guidance that you shared with me.

Allan is the Executive Director of the Missouri Hunting Heritage Federation

State Youth "Bring It" at Linn Creek -Tony Legg

Once again youth from around the state descended on the Missouri Trapshooters Association (MTA) Linn Creek Trapshooing Complex at Lake of the Ozarks for the annual Missouri State High School and FFA Trapshooting Championship, which includes Junior High as well. Cosponsored by MTA and MDC this event brings together hundreds of young folks to take part in a competition of shooting excellence and camaraderie. This year's event saw 672 determined competitors.



To put on this one-day event takes a coordinated effort by both MTA and MDC. This year we were able to run 28 trap fields non-stop to make the event successful. Competitors, parents, school officials, and teachers alike stated that this was one of the smoothest events ever. Of course this year had some of the best weather of the past several. But still it takes a lot of hard working folks to pull it off.

This year we had 19 Hunter Education and Range Volunteers along with 14 O&E staff members working 28 trap fields. A big thanks goes out to everyone involved, especially our volunteers who were on the fields all day:

Don Draper
Barry Cagle
Mike Stassi
William "Covey" Coverdell
Bill Brovo
Matt McDonald
Tim Moore
Priscilla Moore
Mike Illy
Rockford Neff

Len Patton
Doug Maddox
Mike Kralina
Carl Moritz
Paul Teegarden
Dick Liedorff
David Rapson
Matt Bergfield
Mike Armstead



Booneville FFA team, coach Doug Henke, Jared Kueckelhan, Rickie Williams, Daniel Kempf, Gavin Hall, Nathan Hoff, coach Deanna Thies

The youth were phenomenal this year and I would hate to have to shoot against many of them myself. This years Individual High Score Champion with a perfect 100 score through the shoot and perfect 25 in the shoot-off was Ms. Rachel Hopkins from the Kansas City area. You can check out more about the shoot and scores by visiting the MTA web site at http://www.motraps.com/

MDC Shooting Ranges Continue to Improve

Ground Breaking on New Facility -Tony Legg

June 11th was a while coming for many in the Kansas City Region, but Commissioners Chip McGeehan, Lowell Mohler, Director John Hoskins, ex-Commissioner Anita Gorman, Assistant Director Tim Ripperger, Jackson County Parks & Recreation Director Michele Newman, Jackson County Parks & Recreation Deputy Director Ron Fuhrken, Blue Springs Mayor Carson Ross, winning contractor David Rogers President of Wulff-Rodgersm, along with numerous other local dignitaries were on hand for the formal ground breaking ceremony on the new Lake City Range and Outdoor Education Center. This new facility will replace MDC's current facility which is the second oldest of our staffed ranges and will remain in operation until the new facility is ready for the public.



Located on another part of Jackson County's Landahl Park, this 4.7 million dollar project is scheduled to be completed in a little over a year. It will have a new education and administration center capable of holding 75 students. Separate 20-booth 100 yard and 10-booth 25 yard ranges with concrete floors and baffling, modern bullet traps on each, 1 trap field, 2 trap/skeet overlay fields, static archery range, shotgun patterning area, storage and maintenance facility, plus many other modern amenities.

Additionally, the Conservation Commission recently approved a \$900,000 safety upgrade and renovation of the Jay Henges Range for this next year. O&E Division Chief Lorna Domke had submitted this request as O&E's number one construction project for this next year to the Commission. This is to add safety features like new concrete baffles & floor, modern bullet trap, side berms, etc. on top of the already approved \$81,000 new storage building and trap range control booth.

News Tidbits

From the National Shooting Sports Foundation http://www.nssf.org/

Final Apportionments for Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program (Nation Wide)

The final apportionments to States and Territories for the Wildlife and sport Fish Restoration Programs were released in early February. The Wildlife Restoration apportionment for FY2008 is \$248,002,672, which is 15 percent over FY2007. In addition for Hunter Education activities, the apportionment for Section 4 is \$53,683,907, which is 24 percent above the FY2007 apportionment. The Section 10 apportionment for Hunter Education remains at \$8,000,000. The total apportionment from the Wildlife Restoration Trust fund is \$309,686,579, which is 16 percent higher than FY2007. These funds are used by the states and territories to manage wildlife, provide vital wildlife habitat, improve hunter safety, and provide shooting and archery ranges and activities. The sport Fish Restoration FY2008 apportionment is \$398,337,729, which is an increase over FY2007 of 14 percent. These funds are used by the states and territories to manage sport fish populations, provide and restore fishery habitats, and maintain boating and fishing facilities.

Study on Climate Change's Threat to Game Habitat

The Wildlife Management Institute, joined by eight leading hunting and fishing organizations, released a new report on the predicted impacts of climate change on both wildlife and fish habitat and on hunting and fishing. Seasons' End: Global Warming's Threat to Hunting and Fishing is available online and in book form. Among the report's many findings are that the prairie pothole region could lose up to 90 percent of its wetlands, reducing the continent's breeding ducks by 69 percent, and that fragmentation and loss of winter range could dwindle the number of mule deer and elk in the Rocky Mountain states.

50 percent Increase in Female Hunters

The National Hunting Survey of Hunting, Fishing and Wildlife Associated Recreation, released by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service show growth in female hunter participation since 1991 and reveals a boom in the number of girls 5 – 15 who hunt. The survey shows a 50 percent increase form 2001 – 2006 over a similar five-year period from 1991 – 1996, reports *USA Today*.

Missouri Crowns Varsity Sporting Clays Champions

Young sporting clays shooters earned Missouri state titles—and qualified to represent Missouri at upcoming national championships.

The competition was held April 26–27 at River Hills Sporting Clays and featured some of Missouri's top young

shooters competing in the program's varsity division.

Missouri teams participating in the state title shoot qualified for the SCTP National Championships July 31-Aug. 5 at the World Shooting and Recreational Complex in Sparta, II.

Varsity Division (grades 9 to 12)

1st Place—Cedar Creek 4-H Shooters, 372 out of 600 targets (Brandon Gudehus of Edina, Nathan Meyer of Rocheport, Daniel Perotti of Wentzville).

2nd Place—Cedar Creek 4-H Shooters, 324 (Matthew Holder of Peculiar, Claire Jeffery of Columbia, Matthew Richards of Lee's Summit)



Because You Asked?

How do I find out my instructor hours and why do they not match what I have in my records?

You can find out your hours by contacting your OSS, which in-turn will call Jefferson City to get the current total. Your total will only include those class rosters that have been received and processed at Jefferson City to that day. As with students and their Conservation Heritage Cards, it can take up to 180 days to process recent classes.

We have found several reasons for hours not matching. One, as mentioned above the class/es have not been processed yet. Class rosters have not arrived at Jefferson City. Classes were rejected from the system due to errors on students forms, i.e. DOB not being 11 on class date, missing info, bubbles incorrectly or not filled out, etc. Then the instructor report does not run till the student forms are corrected and clear the system. Sometimes, instructors did not fill in their Instructor Certification Number. There's an incorrect Instructor Certification Number or bubbles filled in incorrectly on the Instructor Report Form. But, this is just a few of the many errors found.

Normally when we go back, the most common error is in the filling out of the Instructor's Report form, but other errors do occur within and outside the system. If you suspect a problem with your hours, let your OSS know they can check their local records. We will then have the staff here run a check in the computer system with our IT folks and try to find the error.



Central Region

Outdoor Skills Specialist

Brian Flowers

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Springtime in hunter education is always incredibly busy and this year was no exception. Thanks to the hard work of our volunteer instructors

there were 40 classes held in Central Region between January and May. There were 1,002 students who attended and 915 who were certified. Many of these students went on to experience one of the safest turkey seasons on record. It is through your hard work and diligence that this was possible and I thank you.

As you know MDC manages many public unmanned shooting ranges across Missouri. These ranges are provided for the public to safely and responsibly enjoy the shooting sports. From time to time some of these ranges are misused or even abused. Keeping this in mind, I ask for your assistance in reminding your students of the proper way to use a public shooting range. In several recent visits to a local range I have observed shooters using the range improperly. Shooting range regulations allow for the use of paper targets only and all targets must be attached to the target stand. MDC ranges are designed so that shooting takes place from the shooting bench and only at the backstop, not at side berms. If you should see range violations occurring, please obtain as much information as safely possible about the violators and report it to a conservation agent or regional office. Your help in making public ranges safer is much appreciated.

A pleasant aspect of volunteer recognition is that we are able to reflect each year on the tremendous contribution our volunteers make to all aspects of hunter education. This year eleven instructors have passed service levels and will receive the appropriate award, they include:

Stephen McGhee	1000 hrs.		
Dale Ratcliff	500 hrs.		
Thomas Dildine	500 hrs.		
Steve Bauer	300 hrs.		
Kenneth Claspille	300 hrs.		
Mark Baxter	200 hrs.		
Thomas Jacquin	200 hrs.		
Alvin Moenkhoff	200 hrs.		
Marilyn Overkamp	200 hrs.		
Roger See	100 hrs.		
Alan Spell	100 hrs.		

I never cease to be amazed at the commitment and loyalty this represents, and we are very thankful for the vast quantities of time and talent you have given.

Your help is needed to double check all hunter education course paperwork. Incomplete or sloppy paperwork can

result in delays in certification for your students. Several areas to watch include the following:

- (1) The number of student forms match the number reported on the instructor report form
- (2) All boxes are filled in and they match the columns below; remember to put zeros in
- (3) If a student fails, destroy the registration form; there is no need to submit the form
- (4) If a student has been issued a conservation number the number should be entered on the form
- (5) Do not write on registration forms or include "post-it" notes on forms

Your diligence in checking forms will aid us in processing your students as quickly as possible.

We are seeking volunteers for several upcoming programs this summer, they include: Hunting Skills University July 15 & 17th and a Boy Scout Sporting Clays event August 23rd.

I am saddened to announce the passing of one of our Hunter Education Volunteers.



Mary Louise Dulle, Hunter Education Instructor #010525

Mary Louise Dulle, 45, of Holts Summit, passed away Monday, April 28, 2008, at St. Mary's Health Center. She was born May 13, 1962, in Hannibal, Missouri, a daughter of

Bud and Milly (Gibson) Smith. She was a 1980 graduate of Hannibal Senior High in Hannibal, Missouri and went on to graduate from Moberly Community College in Moberly, Missouri, as a registered nurse. She was a member of St. Peter Catholic Church, past president of the Centralia Jaycees, a Senator of the United States Jaycees and was a member of the Jefferson City Jaycees Alumni. She was a Hunter Education Instructor for the Missouri Department of Conservation; Assistant Den Leader for Cub Scouts Pack 4 at St. Peter's; and also had been active as a Girl Scout Leader in Centralia, Missouri for 10 years. Mary also made handmade rosaries and beaded jewelry. She enjoyed camping, fishing and hunting.



Kansas City Region Sedalia District

Outdoor Skills Specialist

Mark Miller

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I wish to take this opportunity to announce the newest member of the O&E team in the KC Region. Mark Miller is our selection for the OSS position in the Sedalia District. Mark is joining us from the St. Louis area, Wentzville. Mark has a Bachelor's degree in Animal Science from MU;

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Technical School Certificate in Biology from Lindenwood University and just completed a Master's degree in Education Administration at the Missouri Baptist University in St. Louis. He has thirteen (13) years of teaching experience at the Middle School level and High School level as well. He is an avid hunter and a fisherman. Also, he is a Missouri Hunter Education Instructor. He started his position on June 2nd at the Sedalia Office. Please help me welcome Mark Miller to the KC Region. Thank you. Phil Philips



Southwest Region

Outdoor Skills Specialist Jean Mayer jean.mayer@mdc.mo.gov

Greg Collier (not pictured) greg.collier@mdc.mo.gov

Pictured below are Betty Yen, Megan Johnson, Alan Reed and Kari Engel. The ladies recently took a Hunter Ed class at the Springfield Conservation Nature Center. Afterwards



they were so impressed they wrote "rave reviews" on their Go Springfield blog. The blog also had links to topics such as hunting seasons, hunter education class schedules, etc. The blog mentioned the use of the hunting simulators that Alan makes available for students to practice during lunch. Although it adds to the instructor's work, it definitely provides another dimension to the class. Here is a quote from the blog: "The main instructor Alan Reed, through a shooting simulator, showed us how much we really needed to practice." The blog has since generated several favorable comments from other lady hunters. Alan commented to me that he found the ladies to be typical young Springfield women. He was impressed that they were genuinely interested. As the lead instructor for the Springfield Nature Center, he has noted that more and more females are taking the class which is why he tries to have at least one female instructor on his team. Congratulations to Alan, Shane Thomas, Carmen Hallack, Jay Short and Teddy Heaton for inspiring these young women and for their role in mentoring a new generation of hunters!

As you know, Hunter Education will be available on-line

beginning July 1. There will be eight field days scheduled throughout the SW Region from July 1, 2008 through June 31, 2009. If you receive questions regarding it, information can be found on our public website (www.mdc.mo.gov) then clicking on the hunter education link.

The following dates are a few opportunities where help is needed. These opportunities would also allow you to earn volunteer points. If you are interested, please contact the person listed.

•July 12

Basic Skeet Shooting (instructors and safety volunteers needed) Andy Dalton Shooting Range and Outdoor Education Center Contact: Mike Brooks: 417-742-4361 or Michael.Brooks@mdc. mo.gov

•July 14, 8 am-5 pm

Outdoor Skills Workshop for Teachers,

Ft. Crowder Shooting Range

Contact: Jean Mayer: 417-895-6881 x 236 or Jean.Mayer@mdc. mo.gov

•July 22

Mo Agriculture (FFA) Fun Shoot (instructors and safety volunteers needed)

Andy Dalton Shooting Range and Outdoor Education Center Contact: Mike Brooks

•July 26

Bow Hunter Education Student Certification Class (instructors needed)

Andy Dalton Shooting Range and Outdoor Education Center Contact: Mike Brooks

•August 2

Women in the Outdoors Event (instructors and safety volunteers needed)

Andy Dalton Shooting Range and Outdoor Education Center Contact: Mike Brooks

•August 16

MO. Outdoor Skills Trailer @ Kids Fishing Fun Day Roaring River State Park

Contact: Kevin Badgley, 417- 629-3423 or Kevin.Badgley@mdc. mo.gov

•August 19

Archery Basics, Walter Woods Conservation Area

Contact: Kevin Badgley or Jean Mayer

•August 29, 6 pm; August 30 (or 31), 8 am-5 pm

SW Region CONSEP Wingshooting Program for Hunters (Advanced HED training opportunity)

Andy Dalton Shooting Range and Outdoor Education Center Contact: Mike Brooks

•September 6, 8am-8 pm

Discover Nature Women and Families Dove Hunt (safety volunteers needed)

Andy Dalton Shooting Range and Outdoor Education Center Contact: Mike Brooks

•September. 13, 8 am-5 pm

Outdoor Skills Campout for Joplin Assoc. of the Blind (MO. Outdoor Skills Trailer)

Stockton State Park

Contact: Jean Mayer

•September 27, 8 am-5 pm

Great Outdoors Day (instructors and safety volunteers needed) Andy Dalton Shooting Range and Outdoor Education Center

Contact: Mike Brooks

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Once again we had a safe spring turkey season in the SW Region. Give yourself a pat on the back because you certainly deserve it! We most certainly could not do what we do and have such a strong and safe program without our instructors. The season's harvest totals for the SW Region was 6,091 birds with Polk (599), Laclede (532), and Webster (530) counties having the highest totals. This compares to the statewide harvest of 43,416 birds with Franklin (838), Texas (801), and Osage (696) counties having the highest totals.

Speaking of recognition be sure to mark Sunday, September 28th on your calendar. This is the date for our SW Region Hunter Education Instructor Appreciation Banquet. It will be held at the Andy Dalton Shooting Range and Outdoor Education Center. You will be receiving your invitation in the mail later this summer. Be sure to contact Barb Amass in our regional office if any of your contact information has changed. Barb can be reached at 417-895-6881 x 222 or Barbara.Amass@mdc.mo.gov

We hope to see you there! Till then, have a safe and funfilled summer.

St. Louis Region



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Retreat

The Instructor and Family Retreat Saturday, July 26, 2008 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Spring Bluff Retreat Center / Hwy 185 between Beaufort and Sullivan.

All instructors and their family members are invited.

This is a fun and relaxing day for instructors and their families. There will be catch and release fishing from 8-11 a.m. Clay bird shooting will begin at 11 a.m. and run until 1 p.m. A fish fry is planned and "feeding of the faces" will

begin at 1 p.m. Good conversation is scheduled throughout the day. Visiting is a required activity by all. Other activities include basketball, volleyball, softball, washers and . . . Instructor Sack Races (Just kidding!)

All instructors will chip in and supply the fish. Sides and drinks will be provided by MDC. Fishing is catch and release, though some fish may be kept for supplementing the fish fry.

MDC will provide clay birds and shotgun shells (12 and 20ga. only). Participants need to bring all other gear including shotguns, fishing gear, sports equipment such as balls, gloves, bats, etc.

We also need a few instructors to help as safety officers for the clay bird shooting. This is a primitive range in a small field near the pond. We will bring a portable thrower; please let us know if you can be a safety officer for a short part of the clay bird shooting.

Signing up is necessary for this event. The deadline for reservations is Wednesday, July 16. To RSVP, contact Conrad Mallady at 573/468-3335 ext. 230 or by e-mail at conrad.mallady@mdc.mo.gov.

From I-44 in Sullivan, MO: Take exit # 225 and go north on Hwy 185. Travel 8 miles to AC Hwy. Take a left on AC and go 1.2 miles and the Spring Bluff Church Camp/Retreat Center will be on the right.

From Beaufort, MO on Hwy 50: Turn south on Hwy 185, go10 miles, and turn right on AC Hwy. Go 1.2 miles and turn right again at Spring Bluff Church Camp/Retreat Center.

2008 Awards Banquet: Save the date!

We have reserved the date of *Friday*, *January 9*, *2009* for our awards banquet. More information will follow soon.

Clinics

Duck Clinic

We will be conducting our youth duck clinic at Busch Wildlife. The guide orientation is on Aug. 13, 6:00-9:00 p.m. and the clinic will be on October 4, 1:00-7:00 p.m. We are looking for help with the clinic and with guiding the youth. If you are interested, please contact Kurt Otterstein 636-300-1953 ext. 233 or by e-mail at kurt.otterstein@mdc. mo.gov.

Youth Deer Hunt

This fall we will be hosting our annual youth deer clinic and hunt at Columbia Bottom Conservation Area. If you are interested in helping with either the clinic or the hunt please call Scott Sarantakis at 314-301-1506 ext. 2257.

Meetings

Do you know someone interested in volunteering for MDC? Tell them about our volunteer information sessions where they can learn more about becoming a hunter education instructor, a kids fishing volunteer, a volunteer naturalist, or a range volunteer. Sessions will be held from 3 - 5 p.m. and again from 6 - 8 p.m. on the following dates:

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Monday, August 4 at Henges and Wednesday, August 13 at Columbia Bottom. Call Angie Weber at 636-300-1953 ext. 224 for questions.

Hunter education instructors are encouraged to attend our new quarterly meetings. These meetings will announce general updates or changes, address questions, and share tips on how to improve your teaching. No reservations are required. Please contact your OSS with any questions. All meetings run from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

December 11, 2008, Four Rivers Career Center in Washington

February 12, 2009, Busch Conservation Area June 18, 2009, Powder Valley Conservation Nature Center August 13, 2009, Forest Park Office



Busch Range & Outdoor Ed Center

Outdoor Education Center Supervisor Eric Edwards eric.edwards@mdc..mo.gov

I hope everyone had a great spring turkey season. As for myself I ended up educating several birds this year. I did get to take my 14 year old daughter

Ashley out to the turkey woods a few days this year, this was her first year she decided to hunt for these cunning birds. If you've never had the experience of taking a youngster out for a hunt or a day in the woods I highly encourage it. I'll bet you'll have a better time mentoring a youth than packing a bird out of the woods.

We have several programs that are coming up here at the Busch Range, one of the best will be the Effective Wing Shooting, the CONSEP way... on the 5th, 6th & 7th of September. This program is designed to help people better understand how non-toxic shot patterns and how to be more effective while shooting at moving game. Even if you're not a waterfowl hunter I think everyone can take something from this program. The Fri. evening portion will be a seminar in the classrooms at the Busch office, Sat. and Sun. portions will be the shooting exercises; however we are limited to only 20 participants at each shooting session.

I have listed some other programs that might be of interest to you either as an instructor or as a student. If so please contact me by phone or e-mail. For a complete listing check out our web page at: www.mdc.mo.gov/areas/ranges/busch/

July

16th Youth .22 Rifle 6pm 22nd – 24th youth Skeet Camp 8:30am 26th MDC Outdoor Expo. 9am

August

5th – 7th Hunter Education Class

13th Youth Waterfowl Guide Meeting 6pm (Guides needed)

16th Surviving the Night 9am

28th Youth Dove Hunting Clinic 6pm

September

1st Youth Dove Hunt – Guides Needed 5th – 7th Effective Wingshooting the CONSEP Way...

Hope to see you at the range!



Henges Range & Outdoor Ed Center

Outdoor Education Center Supervisor Jake Hindman jake.hindman@mdc..mo.gov

I hope everyone is enjoying the summer so far maybe by wading a stream fishing for smallmouths or taking a youth squirrel hunting. I am glad to be the new supervisor at Henges and have enjoyed meeting volunteers, new faces and settling in.

Start thinking about this fall now if you would like to come out and sight in your deer rifle so you can avoid the long lines that will come this fall. Also you may think about taking a youth deer hunting this fall in one of two youth firearms deer seasons that will be offered, you will be glad that you were involved in mentoring a hunter.

Listed below are the programs that will be offered at Henges in July and August. If you are interested in attending or helping teach please let me know.

July

9th- 11th Youth Hunter Education Camp 12th Youth .22 Rifle 19th Basic Shotgun 26th Archery Basics

August

2nd Youth Airgun
2nd Basic Trap
7 & 9 Basic Handgun
12th Intermediate Trap
14th & 16th Intermediate Handgun

26th & 28th Wingshooting

23rd Archery Basics

30th Youth .22 Rifle

Thank you for all that you do for the future of hunting in Missouri.



Lake City Range & Outdoor Education Center

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The staff at Lake City Shooting Range and Outdoor Education Center will soon experience a new chapter in the ranges 30 plus year history. On June 11, the ground breaking ceremony for the new Lake City Range was held, with the contract to build the new facility awarded and the ground breaking ceremony completed the new facility will be moving forward quickly. The staff at Lake City looks forward to the new range and all the challenges ahead.

Lake City has had a full schedule of programs this year. On Saturday, August 2nd a Bowhunters Education class will be held at Lake City. This is the last Bowhunter Education class held at Lake City prior to Archery Deer Season opening. On September 27th, we will be holding the first Cable Restraint class of the year. This class fills up quickly so get signed up early.



Parma Woods Range & Outdoor Education Center

Outdoor Education Center Supervisor Nathan Woodland nathan.woodland@mdc.mo.gov

Parma Woods Range has had a few changes in staffing since the last newsletter submission, so I thought I would tell you a little bit about them. The first new addition to our team is Rob Garver. Rob replaced Mr. Lukenbill as our Resource Assistant. Rob, a native of the Clinton area, graduated from Northwest Missouri State University in 2007 with a degree in Outdoor Recreation. While attending college Rob helped run the Mozingo Outdoor Recreation Education Area. This facility offers trap shooting, archery, a climbing tower, fishing, canoeing, and many, many other outdoor activities. His education and experience makes him a valuable asset to the Parma Woods Shooting Range & Outdoor Education Center.

We also have two new Part-Time Hourly employees. Steve Najolia joined our team as a volunteer in 2007, and in 2008 he was hired as an employee. Formerly active in the U.S. Marine Corps, Steve brings a multitude of firearms experience to the range. A city boy transplanted from Louisiana, he enjoys shooting, hunting, reading books about firearms, and surfing the internet for worthless information. Scott Harrison completes the new crew to the range. Scott grew up around Hamilton, MO where his family has been very involved in several different shooting sports. A competitive shooter for years, Scott helps to round out the diverse crew

we now have at Parma Woods. Next time you are around here, be sure to welcome all these folks to the range.

As for Hunter Education, things are going well at the Range. We have a full line up of classes available at the range. Our Hunter Education Day Camp is scheduled for July 14-18. If you aren't familiar with our day camp, it is open to youth 11-15. During the week long day camp students become hunter ed certified, but also gain some really good shooting and firearms handling experience. On August 29th-31st we will be doing our Dove Hunting Clinic. During this clinic we will cover some basic and some more advanced wingshooting fundamentals, sure to increase your dove hunting success this year. On September 27th we will be celebrating National Hunting and Fishing Day at the range. Help is always needed for this event.

This is just a small sample of the classes we are offering. If you want to sign up to take, or help with, these classes, or just need more information, contact the range at (816)891-9941.

That's it for now folks. Until next time, hunt safe and take care.



Southeast Region

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Summer is sizzlin' here in the Southeast! What sizzles better than catfish in the summer? How about trotlining for that trophy flathead on the big waters of the Mississippi River. One of the highlights of our summer is taking seasoned fisherman out on the river to utilize different techniques to harvest catfish. Understand the resource and species being pursued is the key to any angler or hunter's success. During this 9-hour, "hands on" course, participants will learn geomorphology, navigating hazards, weather conditions, river levels, species specific information, gear required, etc. "Trotlining on the Mississippi River" will be held on July 17-19, approximately 3 hours each day. To register for this hand's on clinic, please give me a call. Just think you can sit and enjoy it, no teaching required!

Hunter Education officially goes online July 1. Some of the parents who have already called in are planning on using this curriculum as part of a home study summer program for their children assigning chapters and coursework each day. While we have not changed our traditional classroom course, this program really does allow students to learn at their own pace. If you are interested in becoming a Hunter Education Online instructor please email me at deedee.dockins@mdc. mo.gov. After seeing the program, I think you will agree that the students who have elected to participate in the online (Continued on page 14, Southeast Region)

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version come to our field day better prepared and retain the information learned.



Francois County Conservation Agent Grant Gelly and Hunter Education Instructor Dwain Qualls have stepped forward and will be helping with the new instructor training

Starting this month, we will be advertising the following dates for the field day portion of the program. Please review the dates below and let me know if you would like to participate. (Because of the youth and women hunting programs already scheduled as well as traditional Hunter Education, there will not be any field days scheduled for October, November or April.)

Southeast Region Field Dates:

August 23, 2008 - Cape Girardeau County December 6, 2008- St. Francois County February 28, 2009- Butler County

On another note, please be thinking about the annual awards banquet. With the rising fuel prices, I would like to host two banquets. One in the southern part of the region and one in the northern part of the region. So far the instructors of Butler and Stoddard have volunteered to help with the southern banquet. I would like to hear from you regarding any training you would like to have during the day before the awards banquet. Congratulations to the instructors who will be receiving milestone awards; Stephen Bubanovich, Mark Gihring, Kenneth Sherill, Neal Wagley, Jim Stoll, Rick Sherman, David Wells, Gary Ozment, Dwain Qualls and Dave Hoff. Please plan on attending the banquet to receive your award. I will be posting times in the fall newsletter.

Congratulations to our newest instructors who completed their training this spring of 2008. If you have any potential instructor candidates, please have them contact me for future training dates and times.

Have a great summer and I look forward to hearing from you soon.



Kansas City Region Clinton District

Outdoor Skills Specialist Zeb Jordan Zebulon.Jordan@mdc.mo.gov

Greetings,

Things are flowing smoothly in the Clinton District with the spring turkey season behind us. I hope you all were able to get out and hunt for awhile. It is hard to imagine that spring is almost over. It seemed to me, it was late in coming

and quick in leaving. I know the crappie fishing on Truman Lake this spring was strange to say the least. Every time the crappie pulled up to the banks to spawn, a cold front would come through or the lake would start dropping. This would push them back out to deeper water again. I was seeing crappie coming out of the lake in June that still had eggs. The good news in one sense is with the flood last year and erratic weather this year the fishing pressure was light. Next year the crappie should be plentiful and big.

Don't forget about the Clinton district hunter education instructors' weekend scheduled for August 16th and 17th at H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation. Activities will include cat fishing, crappie fishing, shotgun shooting, 3D Archery range, and outdoor cooking. Lodging and meals will be provided. We are still planning on trading wild game recipes with each other every time we meet. You may want to start collecting those recipes now. Once I get enough of them, I will organize them into a cookbook and distribute to all. Thanks again for your help and support in the delivery of the Hunter Education program in this area.

You may recall an article I wrote a couple of newsletters ago about my wife's first deer with a bow. The deer in the picture above this article is one I harvested a couple of days after her day in the limelight. I was sitting in a stand about 20 yards from the one she was sitting in. You may ask yourself, why does he have a picture of a deer from last fall instead of a turkey from this spring. Well let's put it this way, there is video footage verifying why I don't have a picture of this spring's bird. I pulled a stunt I haven't pulled sense I was in high school and that is all I'm going to say about it. I'm sure your imagination can fill in the blanks. Hopefully that video footage will never surface, therefore allowing me to tell the story my way or just letting you imagine. Either way would probably be better for me than the video. I will tell you this much a very close relative of mine who let's say relationship to me starts with an F and ends with R missed a bird in the not so distant past. After about three days of constant harassment from me, I could since he was starting to get enough of my constant ribbing. Then, I made the mistake of boldly stating "I have not missed a turkey since I was in high school". Well you guessed it, the very next time I went out I got to eat my words. That wasn't enough punishment though because I had a friend and a video camera as a witness. This did not even give me the opportunity to deny that it happened. I thought my friend had more loyalty than he exhibited that day. When we got back home, my friend waited until I was out of ear shot of the phone and you guessed it again he called that close relative of mine. A hour or two later he told me about making the phone call so I gritted my teeth and made the phone call myself. Keep in mind this relative had about an hour to prepare the grief he was about to had down. What he said shocked even me and I was prepared for the worst. He calmly said, "I'm not going to say anything about it right

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now. I'm going to save it for next year". This was worse than anything he could have said that day because now I have to reflect on it all year and wait. It kind of reminds me of when my mother would say your father is going to take care of this when he gets home. (This did not happen very often because mom was perfectly capable of bending me back in shape when ever I needed it.) I would sit around anticipating what was going to happen when he got home. Finally, I would come to the conclusion that I wished he would hurry up and get home so I could stop worrying about it. He would eventually show up and then I would come to the conclusion that worrying about it didn't seem like that bad of an option. I'm sure this is what next spring turkey season has in store for me. I'm only telling you this for your own good. Be careful of your words when a friend pulls a bone headed stunt because next time you may be on the receiving end instead of the delivering end.

Until next time, have a safe and memorial time enjoying nature and all it has to offer. I will be waiting for the inevitable tongue lashing that is coming 10 months, 2 week, 3 days from now. NOT THAT I AM COUNTING.



Northeast Region

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Greetings from the NE! Thanks to everyone for your hard work during the spring classes. The value of Hunter Education showed once again as we enjoyed one of our safest turkey seasons yet. Summer is here and the calendar is filling up. Here's the info on few upcoming events:

Annual Summer Banquet and Workshop American Legion Hall, Shelbina, MO. August 16th at 10am.

This year's program will feature a "workshop" on effective instruction. Presentations led by instructors will cover each of the 9 chapters of the Hunter Ed manual. We'll spend time discussing the different methods of covering the material and share ideas on how to improve our instruction techniques. This will be a great opportunity for new instructors to learn from the more experienced and for those who have been around a while to pick up a few new ideas.

Lunch will be served after the workshop and we'll wrap the day up with awards presentations. We'll need an accurate count for the banquet so be sure and return the RSVP card you've received or contact me by phone/e-mail.

Youth Dove Clinics and Hunts September 1st

With the wet spring, the sunflower fields we'll be using

have yet to be decided. We will most likely be holding hunts in Knox and Pike Counties. As usual, a clinic will be held on the Saturday prior to the hunt. Ammunition, clay targets, ammo and food are all provided at the clinic and the hunt. Youth-only fields are designated by the area managers and virtually assures the young hunters will have an exciting hunt with ample opportunity to succeed. Participants will hopefully leave with a few doves and definitely a great introduction to dove hunting.

If you've helped out at this or any other youth hunt, you know what a great time they are. They also have the potential to reach many more youths than are currently attending them. Each year, we do our best to find participants and can almost always accommodate many more than attend. Please pass the word on to any interested youths you know, and be sure and invite their parents or other relatives as well. As we know, a youth interested in hunting will be much more likely to continue hunting with the support and encouragement of a mentor.

2008 On Line Hunter Education Field Days NE Region September 13th, Clark County December 13th, Kirksville MDC Office

Several instructors have assisted with these in the past and many more are interested in helping. Trainings for instructors who have not yet assisted at the Field Days will be held prior to the events, usually on weekday evenings. Please contact me at 660-785-2420 to sign up for the trainings.



NW Region's 2007 Instructor of the Year award presented to Leo Hovar by Shannon Smith, Schuyler County Agent. Congratulations Leo!

Ozark Region

Outdoor Skills Specialist

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The Ozark Region will be hosting Effective Wingshooting the CONSEP Way... workshop in West Plains Friday, Saturday, and Sunday August 8th, 9th, and 10th. These workshops are designed for the experienced wingshooter. (Continued on page 16, Ozark Region)

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The course begins with a general session August 8. It will be held in the multi-purpose room at the MDC Ozark Regional Office, located at 551 Joe Jones Blvd in West Plains. The initial session begins promptly at 6:00 pm and will end at 9:00 pm. Friday's 3-hour session will be followed by two all-day hands on shooting sessions at White Ranch on Saturday, August 9th, and Sunday, the 10th. People wishing to take the Friday class, but not participate in the live shooting exercises may do so provided there is adequate room, as those enrolled in either the Saturday or Sunday class will be taken first, as seating is limited to 65. Start time both Saturday and Sunday will be 8:00 am, and will conclude at 5:00 pm. Lunch, water and soft drinks will also be furnished to all shooters courtesy of MDC, and all ammunition will be supplied.

Any instructors wishing to participate should pre-register early as openings are on a first-come basis. To do so, or for additional information phone (417) 256-7161 during regular business hours. If you are planning to participate in the live shooting, YOU MUST SPECIFY AS TO WHICH DAY YOU WILL BE SHOOTING. You may also e-mail questions or comments to me.

Participants for the live-firing must furnish their own 12 or 20 gauge shotgun with an interchangeable choke, or a fixed choke shotgun capable of firing steel shot. Each of the live-firing sessions will be limited to the first 20 persons to pre-register, and persons wishing to participate in either the Saturday or Sunday event must attend the classroom portion held on Friday. Hope to see you there.

I ask that all instructors please notify me via phone, mail or e-mail as soon as possible whenever you have scheduled a Hunter-Ed class. If you would, please provide the name of the chief instructor, the date(s), the starting and ending times, location (including the county), any special instructions such as whether or not pre-registration is required, if students should bring a lunch, snacks and / or soft drinks are provided or available for purchase etc. The sooner you get this information to me, the sooner it will get posted on the web. Thanks for you help.

The Ozark Region's newest instructors are: Donley O. Baker, Jessica Baker, Kati Bast, Mike Elmer, Steve Guffey and Arnold Wray. We certainly wish them well and welcome their willingness to join this "family" and serve as volunteer hunter-ed instructors. I personally am grateful to all who serve in this capacity. Working together, may we all continue our efforts to ensure that not only Missouri, but all states will be a safer place to hunt and especially enjoy what this great state has to offer.

Remember, if you want to get a "rush" and have the opportunity, take a kid hunting or fishing. I recall most of my earliest outings and how it "sparked" an interest in nature and the outdoors that obviously continues. When we serve as mentors, we can greatly impact their lives, provide some memories that will last a lifetime and will no doubt...

"keep 'em pointed in a safe direction".

Our New Instructors for Hunter Education and Bowhunter Education Courses.

Welcome New Instructors!

Since we were not able to get this into the last newsletter we are going back to January 1st and listing everyone since then.

These new instructors have all completed their certification and background checks and are ready to teach. So all you others out there be the great mentors we know you are. Get with your OSS and make contact with these folks and get them involved now. If you recognize any of these folks who might live near your, please give them a call and ask if you can help them get started. Remember, it is always appreciated when you lend a helping hand.

Central Region

Boone County

Brian J. Boose - HE

Robert W. OverStreet - BHE

Camden County

Cary S. Creach - HE

Cole County

Jason P. Morff - HE

Gasconade County

Jason Eikermann - BHE

Neil H. Koch - HE

Kyle M. Lairmore - BHE

Montgomery County

Kenneth W. Claspille - BHE

Robert O. See - BHE

Matthew J. Spurgeon - BHE

Morgan County

Vern Dean Stucker - BHE

Saline County

Dennis J. Desmond - BHE

Terry L. Yokeley - BHE

Kansas City Region

Bates County

Damon B. Green - HE

Melvin R. Lee - HE

Cass County

Marlow E. Doucette - HE

Clay County

Wayland C. Russell - HE

William J. Shinneman - BHE

Wayland C. Russell - HE

Jason A. Waterbury - HE & BHE

Jackson County

Hollis E. Archer - BHE

Robert M. Hiltibidal - HE

Winifred B. Jones - BHE

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Daniel M. Jones - BHE
Jodi Dawn Lane - HE
Gregory M. Rosenberg - HE
James E. Thompson - BHE
Tyler R. Warner - BHE
Johnson County

Ronald W. Crowden - HE Edward J. Linstrom - HE

David W. Loveall - HE

Platte County

Nathan N. Woodland - BHE

Saint Clair County

Marilyn Giglio - HE

Northeast Region

<u>Marion County</u>
Bradley D. Curless - HE
Sullivan County

Larry D. Hudson - BHE

Brenda J. Hudson - BHE

Northwest Region

Buchanan County
Caleb W. Gentry - HE
Jack R. Peters - HE
David Scott Rapson - HE
Dekalb County



-Betsy L. Bing



-John W. Rhea II



-Kyle H. White



-Garland "Wayne" Ford

<u>Harrison County</u> Ryan H. Purdun - HE <u>Nodaway County</u>



-Danny J. Collins - HE

Robert L. Garver - BHE

Ozark Region

<u>Howell County</u> Bryan W. Byrd - HE William Henry Younger - HE Phelps County

Steve W. Guffey - HE

Pulaski County

Jessica M. Baker - HE

Donley O. Baker - HE

Michael D. Elmer - HE

Montana W. Ouellette - HE

Arnold L. Wray - HE Ripley County

Robert S. Amendola - HE

Southeast Region

Butler County

Jason R. Crosswhite - HE

Cape County

Sara C. Turner - HE

Southwest Region

Barry County

Clayton E. Bass - HE

Dawn R. Cope - HE

Christian County

Paul J. Clancy - HE

Amber S. Shelton - BHE

Greene County

Dawn A. Buckner - HE

Michael R. Cantrell - HE

Barney L. Fletcher - HE

Alexandra I. Griffeth - HE

Timothy R. Johnson - HE

Daniel S. Lenauer - HE

Matthew D. Livingston - HE

Joseph L. Martin - HE

Jeremiah M. Morrhead - HE

William D. West - HE

Ryan T. White - HE

Jasper County

Donald R. Boman - HE

Landon J. Dobbs - HE

Laclede County

Jeffrey L. Graves - HE

Ronald G. Owens - HE

Lawrence County

Gary D. Ghan - HE

Newton County

Kenton Beard - HE

Aaron L. Gibson - HE

Daniel G. Persons - HE

Dan R. Sheeley - HE

Polk County

Jeffrey A. Rush - HE

Taney County

Mark E. Fringer - HE

St. Louis Region



Franklin County
Matt B. Fennessey - HE

-Gary

-Gary L. Kamler - HE

Jeffery M. Read - HE

<u>Saint Charles County</u>

Patrick T. Harms - HE

John W. Robertson - HE

<u>Saint Louis County</u>

Michael A. Coffey - HE

<u>Warren County</u>

Debra J. Schlueter - HE
Washington County

-Gregory A. Turnbough - HE

New web site for Bowhunter Education Instructors to list upcoming classes for the public.

NBEF announced a new service via their Web site. Now all instructors may post classes via a cooperative effort between the NBEF and Bowsite.com. Simply follow these easy steps to post classes:

- 1. Go to www.nbef.org
- 2. Click on the "Find a Course Near You" line
- 3. Click on "Instructors-Post Your Classes Here"
- 4. Follow the prompts

(NOTE:) Place any notices in the information boxes. These could include pre-registration information, if the class or portion is a outdoors, field activities, bring a lunch etc.) When it asks for you instructor number, use your Missouri number with "MO" at the beginning. You will notice that the page which comes up after you click on "Find a Course Near You" has two active choices - the one which is describe above where you enter classes and the other which says "Find a Bowhunter Ed Class." If this line is clicked, it will ask for your state; it will then pull the information you have entered as well as information in the state's database of classes.

After the class dates have passed, you will need to go in and delete the listing. A huge "thank you" to Bowsite.com for facilitating this interactive function of the Web site. If you have any question or difficulties using this service, please don't hesitate to contact the National Bowhunter Education Foundation's Executive Director Marilyn Bentz.

INSTRUCTOR DISCOUNT\$

The following is a listing of companies that participate in this discount offering. Please contact the company personally for a copy of their catalog and discount price list. Photo copy your current instructor card in order to obtain the instructor discount with each company. We do not guarantee that changes or cancellation of any company's offers have not occurred. For many more offers, visit the IHEA instructor's area of their web site or the NBEF instructor's area.

Basic Innovations LTD, The Chippewa Wedge Loc—Offer their tree stands to instructors at \$20 discount off the price of ONE tree stand. In order to receive a brochure, video, and price list please write to 750 East Pine River Rd, Midland, MI 48640 or call 989-835-3856.

Browning Archery and PSE Archery—Instructors may purchase one bow and appropriate accessories for teaching purposes at a special price. Contact Diane Watson at 800-477-7789 ext 5108.

CVA (Connecticut Valley Arms, INC.)—Offer 40% discount on their entire line of products except center fire rifles.. Call 770-449-4687 or write 5988 Peachtree Corners East, Norcross, GA 30071. Send a copy of your Hunter Education Instructor card.

CZ-USA, Inc—Secure a great discount on CZ-USA centerfire rifles, rimfire rifles and shotguns. To obtain firearms at the discounted price, a person provide proof you are a hunter education instructor. Send the FFL license information where the gun is to be delivered, plus include a check or credit card for the purchase price + \$15.00 shipping and handling. Orders can be sent to—CZ-USA, Inc., P.O. Box 171073, Kansas City, Kansas 66117-0073. For further information you may call 1-800-955-4486.

Henry Repeating Arms—Contact Henry Repeating Arms and they will mail a discount booklet for reduced price on all firearms. You must provide a copy of your instructor hunter education card. Henry Repeating Arms Company, 110 8th Street, Brooklyn, New York 11215, Telephone 718-499-5600, FAX 718-768-8056, email info@henryrepeating.com

Hunter's Specialties—Offer 25% off prices in Dealer Price Book. Orders are limited to maximum of \$200 per year. Hunter's Specialties is the largest manufacturer of hunting accessories. Catalogs and price sheets are available by calling Heather Wickman, hwickman@Hunterspec.com or Nancy Souka, nsojka@hunterspec.com at 319 395-0321. If you wish you may write and request them at 6000 Huntington CT. NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402-1268.

Leupold Scope Discount—Allows the purchase of one Rifle scope or one field optic for each calendar year. Must provide Hunter Education Instructor Card. Leupold & Stevens, Inc. ATTN: Gabe Lange, 14400 NW Greenbrier Pkwy, Beaverton, Oregon 97006, Telephone 503-526-1609, FAX—503-526-1475, email sgundry@leupold.com

Modern Muzzleloading, INC.—Offer discounts for their complete line of Knight Rifles. Instructors may order 1 rifle per year. Call 1-800-696-1703 ext 2217 or write 715B Summit DR SE., Decatur, Al 35601. website www.knightrifles.com

Otis Technology—pistol, rifle and shotgun cleaning kits. Call or write Otis Products Inc., PO Box 582, Lyons Falls, New York, 13368. Telephone 315-348-4300, 800-684-7486, Fax 315-348-4332. Must mail or FAX Hunter Education Instructor card. Approximately 50% discount.

Summit Treestands—Offers "Seat o the Pants" safety harness. This harness is only available factory direct. Call 800-241-5559 or write Keith Jones, President, Fall Woods, INC., PO Box 6683, Huntsville, AL 35824. Send a copy of your Hunter Education Instructor card. For more information—www.summitstands.com

Sword ACU-SITE—is offering their full line of fiber optic sights for firearms and bows at dealer costs to volunteer hunter education and bowhunter education instructors. The website is swordacusite.com. For product information and brochures call 606-666-7612 or write 3560 HWY 30 East, Noctor, KY 41357.Fax a copy of your Hunter Education Card Instructor Card to the Fax Number above. Email address dannysword@bellsouth.net Website—www.swordacusite.com

Thompson Center Arms Co., Inc.—Allows instructor to buy one firearm or barrel per year. Call Darlene at 603-330-5729 or write PO Box 5002, Rochester, NH 03866. By email, you can contact Thompson Center Arms Co., Inc., at darlenes@tcarms.com with subject of message, Hunter Education Instructor Program. Have a copy of your Hunter Education Instructor Card ready to send them.

Whitewater Outdoors & Spartan Outdoors—Instructors are allowed to purchase up to 5 items from these two catalogues at dealer pricing. Instructors must write the companies in order to get catalogues, price lists, and Hunter Education Safety Certificates. To get these items include a copy of your current instructor card. Write to Whitewater Outdoors, W4228 Church St., Hingham, WI 53031.

Alan Madison Productions—Alan Madison Production features a line-up of "all time hunter education favorites in their DVD 5-pack packaged in an attractive and sturdy case. Including *The Last Shot*, *Firearms Safety* and *The Hunters*,

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Boone & Crockett/Cabela's/IHEA—*Chain of Respect*, ethics DVD available. Please use the direct link to the B&C fulfillmentcenter. The price is \$2.99+shipping. We recommend that every instructor use this DVD as a routine part of their course if possible. www.bone-crockett.org/huntingEthics/ethics_hunterethicsdvd.asp?area=huntingEthics.

Hunter Safety System—Offer a discount on their entire line of products for hunting safety. Call 256-773-7732 or write 8297 Danville Rd., Danville, AL 35619. Send a copy of your

Hunter Education Instructor card.

Alpen Optics—Offers great special pricing on their Alpen Pro Series binocular models #387, #391-G1, and Alpen's most recent Outdoor Life Great Buy Winner #390, In addition, all Alpen products—binoculars, spotting scopes, riflescopes—are available as Special Organization Discount Pricing. Go to www.alpenoptics.optics.com for product information and order form. Call toll free 1-877-987-8370 or email infor@alpenoutdoor.com for pricing, mention IHEA for the special pricing.

Outdoor Edge Cutlery—is offer two special discounts. First is for their complete product line. Instructors may purchase up to four different items per year at 75% off the suggested retail price (MSRP). Next is their Instruction DVD Program, instructors can purchase their instructional Game Processing DVD's for \$200 each (19.95 retail) and the 5-DVD library for \$100 each (\$69.99 retail). For more info n either program call 1-800-447-3343 or email jim@outdooredge.com.

Savage Arms—is pleased to extend special discounted pricing to enable you to purchase a rifle. Please our catalog or our website at www.savagearms.com to view our complete line.

When you decide to purchase, you will need to forward the following to Cathy Hale's attention:

- Your request stating the model, and caliber submitted with your name, address and phone number.
- Check made out to Savage Arms Inc. for the total amount. (Note that Savage Arms covers the cost of shipping.) If you want to place this order on credit card, I will need the number, expiration date, and also the 3-digit code on back. You can call me with this information.
- Copy of FFL (Federal Firearms License), with original signature, from the dealer who will be receiving the firearms

on your behalf. (Note: If the dealer sends FFL separately, they need to include your name or this will delay your order.)

- If this purchase is for a muzzleloader you do not need an FFL. We can ship directly to your address.
- Certified Hunter Ed Instructors, send a copy of your current Hunter Ed Certificate or other valid certification. Limited to 1 rifle per year.
- Savage Arms covers the shipping charges. Should you have any further questions, please call 413-642-4121 and contact Cathy Hale for a price quote.

Third Hand Archery—We are making an offer, exclusively for the hunter safety instructors, to purchase the Gun Hoist at a reduced price. Most stores sell Gun Hoist for about \$15.00. We will mail it to you for \$10.00 including postage. If you require larger quantities please call for a quote. On our web sight, www.thirdhandarchery.com, you will see additional archery products. We will offer all these items to the hunter safety instructors at wholesale prices. Please call or e-mail, thirdhandman@gmail.com, for price quote, call 1-800-339-0232 for pricing and ordering information.

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